Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, Twenty years ago, citizens in ten thousand schools, two thousand colleges and universities, and nearly every community in the United States paused to honor the environment with an event called "Earth Day;" and,

WHEREAS, More than twenty million people across the country honored Earth Day with a demonstration of concern for the environment, thereby prompting the passage of key federal legislation such as the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act, and creation of the Environmental Protection Agency; and,

WHEREAS, In South Dakota, citizens, governmental agencies, educational institutions, organizations, corporations and private individuals have worked cooperatively over the last 20 years to protect South Dakota's air, water, soil and wildlife resources; and,

WHEREAS, The 1988-89 legislature passed the 1989 Centennial Environmental Protection Act to protect the environment of this state during the next 100 years for our children and grandchildren; and,

WHEREAS, The future growth and prosperity of the state is directly dependent on protecting and enhancing the environment; and,

WHEREAS, To commemorate on April 22, 1990, the twentieth anniversary of the first Earth Day, and to heighten the awareness of South Dakota's citizenry to the scope and seriousness of environmental challenges facing us as we approach the year 2000:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim April 1990 as

ENVIRONMENTAL ACTION MONTH

in South Dakota, and call upon all citizens of the state to celebrate Earth Day 1990 and to think globally and act locally in protecting our environment for future generations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Thirtieth Day of March, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE